



**NEW LIFE**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**Embrace God's Beauty; Extend God's Love**

# Welcome to New Life Presbyterian Church

Dear Visitor,

Welcome! It is a joy and privilege to gather this morning to worship God together. Here at New Life, we are a small part of the worldwide, multi-ethnic, multi-generational, multi-cultural body of Christ. Although we are Presbyterian and Reformed, our identity is found not in what makes us distinct, but in what makes us united: we belong to the Lord Jesus Christ. He is not only our Maker; He is our Savior. If you have put your hope and trust in Him, we welcome you as a brother or sister. It is in Him that we have New Life!

If you are here this morning and do not know what you think about Jesus, or about the claims of the Bible, we are delighted that you have chosen to join us for the morning. We hope and trust that you will experience a warm welcome, regardless of your religious convictions. We are a community of those who have experienced the embrace of God, through Jesus Christ. It is our goal to show that love to all who are around us. Please know that I personally would welcome your thoughts and perspectives on anything you observe this morning.

May the grace and peace of Christ be with you all!

Joyfully,

Pastor Erik Swanson

P.S. There is a staffed nursery, off the fellowship hall, for children ages 0-4.

# Worshiping God

August 4, 2024

## Reflections:

“My feelings are not God. God is God. My feelings do not define truth. God’s word defines truth. My feelings are echoes and responses to what my mind perceives. And sometimes - many times - my feelings are out of sync with the truth. When that happens - and it happens every day in some measure - I try not to bend the truth to justify my imperfect feelings, but rather, I plead with God: Purify my perceptions of your truth and transform my feelings so that they are in sync with the truth.”— John Piper

## Welcome and Announcements

*Joe Heidler*

## Prelude

### Call to Worship – from Psalms 46 and 105

*Minister: God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.*

**People: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea.**

*Minister: Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."*

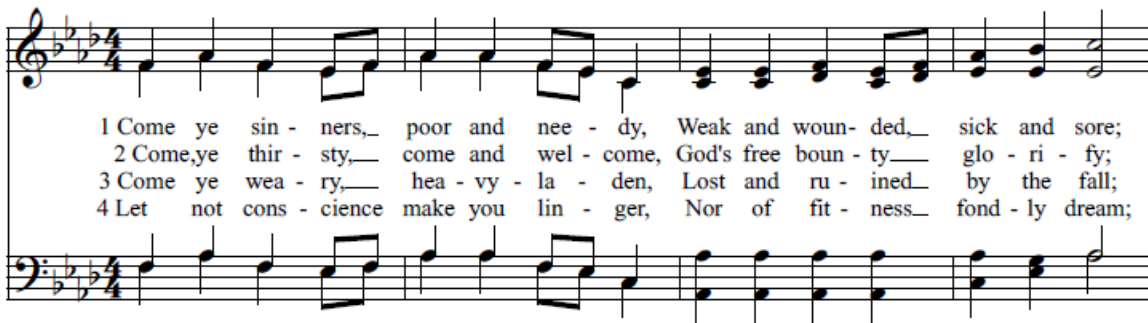
**People: The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

*Minister: Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done.*

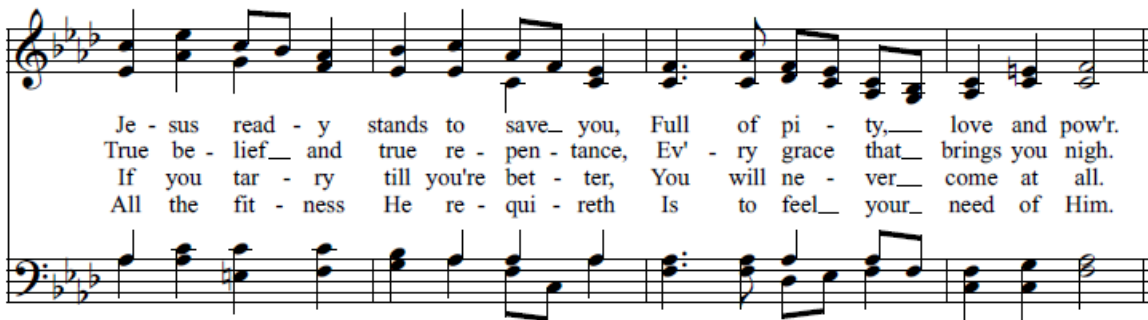
**People: Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.**

## Prayer of Praise

# Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

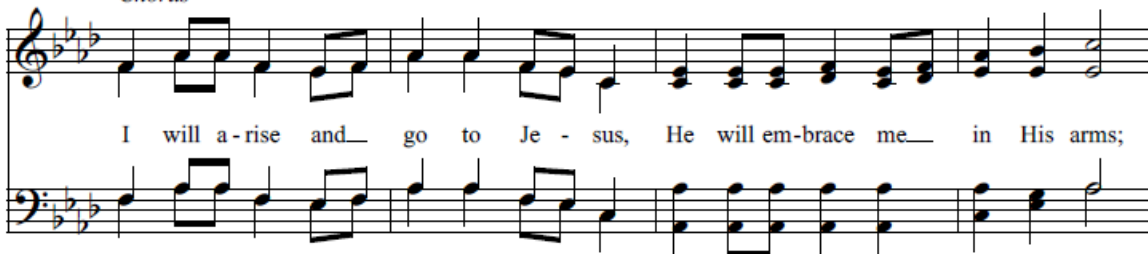


1 Come ye sin - ners, poor and nee - dy, Weak and woun - ded, sick and sore;  
2 Come, ye thir - sty, come and wel - come, God's free boun - ty glo - ri - fy;  
3 Come ye wea - ry, hea - vy - la - den, Lost and ru - ined by the fall;  
4 Let not cons - cience make you lin - ger, Nor of fit - ness fond - ly dream;

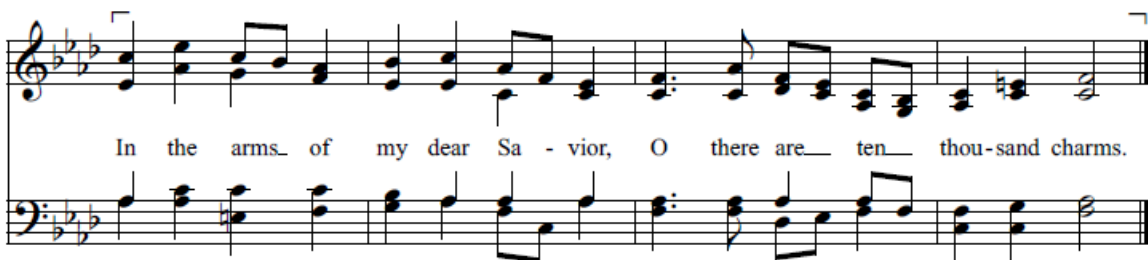


Je - sus read - y stands to save you, Full of pi - ty, love and pow'r.  
True be - lief and true re - pen - tance, Ev' - ry grace that brings you nigh.  
If you tar - ry till you're bet - ter, You will ne - ver come at all.  
All the fit - ness He re - qui - reth Is to feel your need of Him.

## Chorus



I will a - rise and go to Je - sus, He will em - brace me in His arms;



In the arms of my dear Sa - vior, O there are ten thou - sand charms.

# Completely Known, Completely Loved

## Verse 1

Completely known completely loved  
My heart is seen by God above  
Should I now run dare hide my face  
When in His eyes there is only grace

## Verse 2

Completely free the shame is gone  
The highest Judge took all my wrongs  
And set them on His only Son  
He bore my sin I bear His love

## Chorus

Completely known completely loved  
I'm covered by my Savior's blood  
I'm robed in white and God is pleased  
To see His Son when He looks on me

## Verse 3

Completely His how can it be  
That God would set His heart on me  
Loved not for works that I have done  
But long before time had begun

## Chorus

Completely known completely loved  
I'm covered by my Savior's blood  
I'm robed in white and God is pleased  
To see His Son when He looks on me

## Verse 4

Completely saved the work is done  
The curse the grave is overcome  
For with that dawn there rose a King  
Now heaven's smile shines over me

## Chorus 2x

Completely known completely loved  
I'm covered by my Savior's blood  
I'm robed in white and God is pleased  
To see His Son when He looks on me

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## **Affirmation of Faith – *The Apostles’ Creed***

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic\* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*\* “Catholic” means universal; that is, there is one church across all times, places, and peoples*

## **Scripture Reading – *Matthew 6:19-34***

*Wayne Blanding*

*Minister: This is the word of the Lord.*

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## **Prayer of Confession**

**Most holy and merciful Father: We confess to you and to one another that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed; by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven. Have mercy on us, Father, for we ask in Jesus’ name! Strengthen us, by the power of your Spirit, to walk in newness of life. Amen!**

## **Assurance of Forgiveness – *Zephaniah 3:14-15***

*Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away the judgments against you; he has cleared away your enemies. The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil.*

# Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners

1. Je - sus! what a Friend for sin - ners! Je - sus! lov - er of my soul;  
2. Je - sus! what a strength in weak - ness! Let me hide my - self in him;  
3. Je - sus! what a help in sor - row! While the bil - lows o'er me roll,  
4. Je - sus! what a guide and keep - er! While the tem - pest still is high,  
5. Je - sus! I do now re - ceive him, more than all in him I find,

friends may fail me, foes as - sail me, he, my Sav - ior, makes me whole.  
tempt - ed, tried, and some - times fail - ing, he, my strength, my vic - t'ry wins.  
• e - ven when my heart is break - ing, he, my com - fort, helps my soul.  
storms a - bout me, night o'er - takes me, he, my pi - lot, hears my cry.  
he hath grant - ed me for - give - ness, I am his, and he is mine.

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Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior! Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Friend!

Sav - ing, help - ing, keep - ing, lov - ing, he is with me to the end.

## Prayers of the People

### Offering

The offering allows friends and members of our church to express their faith in God's Word, and to support the extension of that Word in our community and in the world.

### Doxology:

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here, below.  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

### Scripture – *1 Samuel 21:10 - 22:5*

And David rose and fled that day from Saul and went to Achish the king of Gath. <sup>11</sup> And the servants of Achish said to him, "Is not this David the king of the land? Did they not sing to one another of him in dances,

'Saul has struck down his thousands,  
and David his ten thousands'?"

<sup>12</sup> And David took these words to heart and was much afraid of Achish the king of Gath. <sup>13</sup> So he changed his behavior before them and pretended to be insane in their hands and made marks on the doors of the gate and let his spittle run down his beard. <sup>14</sup> Then Achish said to his servants, "Behold, you see the man is mad. Why then have you brought him to me? <sup>15</sup> Do I lack madmen, that you have brought this fellow to behave as a madman in my presence? Shall this fellow come into my house?"

**22** David departed from there and escaped to the cave of Adullam. And when his brothers and all his father's house heard it, they went down there to him. <sup>2</sup> And everyone who was in distress, and everyone who was in debt, and everyone who was bitter in soul, gathered to him. And he became commander over them. And there were with him about four hundred men.

<sup>3</sup> And David went from there to Mizpeh of Moab. And he said to the king of Moab, "Please let my father and my mother stay with you, till I know what God will do for me." <sup>4</sup> And he left them with the king of Moab, and they stayed with him all the time that David was in the stronghold. <sup>5</sup> Then the prophet Gad said to David, "Do not remain in the stronghold; depart, and go into the land of Judah." So David departed and went into the forest of Hereth.



Sermon Notes

## **Celebration of the LORD's Supper**

New Life Church invites all baptized Christians who are members of Christ's church to join us in this feast of bread and wine. The inner circle of cups contains red wine and the outer circle of cups contains white grape juice. If you are unable to consume wheat, gluten-free crackers are available.

## **Prayer**

### **Words of Institution – *from 1 Corinthians 11***

*Minister:*      *Let us proclaim the mystery of the faith.*

**All:**            **Christ has died.**  
                     **Christ has risen.**  
                     **Christ will come again.**

## **Communing Together**

The elders and deacons will serve you in your seats. Please hold the elements so that we can partake together after all have been served. Use the extra time during communion for prayer and reflection.

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

# All Sufficient Merit

## Verse 1

All sufficient merit shining like the sun  
A fortune I inherit by no work I have done  
My righteousness I forfeit at my Savior's  
cross  
Where all sufficient merit did what I  
could not

## Verse 2

In love He condescended eternal now in  
time  
A life without a blemish the Maker made  
to die  
The law could never save us our  
lawlessness had won  
Until the pure and spotless Lamb had  
finally come

## Chorus

It is done it is finished  
No more debt I owe  
Paid in full all sufficient  
Merit now my own

## Verse 3

I lay down my garments any empty boast  
Good works now all corrupted by the  
sinful host  
I'm dressed in my Lord Jesus  
A crimson robe made white  
No more fear of judgment His  
righteousness is mine

## Chorus

It is done it is finished  
No more debt I owe  
Paid in full all sufficient  
Merit now my own

## Verse 4

All sufficient merit firm in life and death  
The joy of my salvation shall be my final  
breath  
When I stand accepted before the throne  
of God  
I'll gaze upon my Jesus and thank Him for  
the cross  
Yes I'll thank Him for the cross

## Chorus

It is done it is finished  
No more debt I owe  
Paid in full all sufficient  
Merit now my own

## Tag

Oh Your merit now my own  
Oh Your merit now my own

**Benediction – Philippians 4:23**

*The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.*

**The Sending**

*Minister: Go in peace, to love and serve the LORD.*

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## This Week at New Life

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
Sun. 8/4	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School	Aquarium
Sun. 8/4	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun. 8/4	6:00 pm	Community Groups	Kay & Loht Homes
W. 8/7	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Classroom 1
W. 8/7	10:00 am	Moms +	Spark Home
W. 8/7	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
W. 8/7	7:00 pm	Youth Discipleship	Classrooms 1 & 2
W. 8/7	7:00 pm	Prayer Meeting	Classroom 3
Sun. 8/11	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School	Aquarium
Sun. 8/11	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun. 8/11	11:30 am	Second Sunday Lunch	Fellowship Hall
Sun. 8/11	12:00 pm	Young Adult Bible Study	Classroom 2

## Church Financial Summary

<b>Category</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>
<b>Year to Date 2024</b>	\$201,115.20	\$237,889.32
<b>Week of 7/28/24</b>	\$6,703.84	\$6,491.11

## Announcements

- **Refreshments:** We have 5 available slots for Sunday post-service refreshments! Please see the volunteer sheet in the foyer and sign up if you'd like to feed your friends! Remember, you can keep it very simple!
- **Women's Summer Book:** This summer we are reading *Walking Through Fire: A Memoir of Loss and Redemption* by Vaneetha Rendall Risner. Read at your own pace, then join us for a dinner and discussion in **August**, exact date TBD. Questions? Contact Connie Kay or the office.
- **SILVERS** will be having a picnic at Alice and Dave Lomax's house on **Sat. Aug. 24** at 4pm. If planning to attend, please sign up in the foyer.
- **Elder Nominations in September:** For the month of September, members may nominate men for the office of elder. In the church foyer, please pick up the brochure describing the qualifications and process for nominations. The sermon topic for two Sundays in August will be on the character and calling of an elder.
- **NLPC 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Church-Wide Camping Trip, Sept. 6-8:** There will be a Saturday dinner for the whole church, not just for those camping. Make an online camping reservation ASAP with the link below and book as close to site 88 as possible.  
<https://pennsylvaniastateparks.reserveamerica.com/camping/codorus-state-park/r/campgroundDetails.do?contractCode=PA&parkId=880316>
- **Women in the Word: A Workshop** is a yearly, two-day event that intersperses large group teaching sessions with small group hands-on learning sessions. The workshop this year will be held on **Fri. Oct. 25 and Sat. Oct. 26** with keynote speaker Jenny Filch teaching on Philippians. The cost is \$118. If interested, please see Sue Rothermel or the office for more information.  
Website: [womeninthewordworkshop.org](http://womeninthewordworkshop.org)

## Groups for Fellowship and Growth

**Christian Education:** Children's Sunday School will resume Sept. 15. Adult Sunday School is meeting throughout the summer in the Aquarium room and is studying the "I Am" sayings in the gospel of John.

**Women's Bible Study:** Please contact Marlene Spark or the office for questions on our next study, which will begin in the fall.

**Wednesday Morning Bible Study:** Interested in discussing the upcoming sermon text? Join us at New Life in the TV Room at 9:00 am.

**Moms+:** During the summer, Moms + is meeting at the pool of Marlene Spark every Wednesday from 10am-noon. Bring along a snack or lunch for your kids. Questions? Contact Joy Swanson or the office.

**Men's Group:** Currently on break. Stay tuned for the start-up date.

**Youth Group:** Please contact the church office for information.

**Prayer Small Group:** We have two opportunities: The evening group meets on the first Wednesday of every month at 7pm. Contact Sherry Rishel or the office. The daytime group meets every Thursday (except the Thursday that follows the Wednesday evening prayer group) at 11:15am. Contact Sue Rothermel or the office.

**Bible Study Fellowship (BSF):** Contact Joe Heidler or the office with questions.

**Discipleship Groups:** Same-gender groups meet to encourage each other to follow Jesus as we walk with each other. Please contact Pastor Erik to join a group.

**Community Groups:** Designed to be a microcosm of the church, this is an intergenerational home-gathering for fellowship, food, bible study, (singing), and prayer. We meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month from 6-7:30pm. See Pastor Erik if you would like to join a group.

# New Life Presbyterian Church Vision, Mission, and Core Values

**Vision:** *To see York and beyond embrace God's beauty and extend God's love.*

**Mission:** *To receive the grace of God, to give glory to God,  
and to follow the Word of God.*

## Core Values:

- **His Voice:** While God speaks through creation, God speaks directly in the Word of God. Therefore, we receive and obey God's Word.
- **His Plan:** Because God is love, God is on a mission to save. We seek to follow Him in His mission.
- **His Grace:** The good news for sinners is that Jesus saves by grace. Through faith, we believe in Christ and grow in Christ.
- **His Power:** Only God has power to save and to sustain His people. We depend on the Holy Spirit.
- **His People:** In Christ, the church is made one. In the midst of both unity and diversity, we must love one another.
- **His Gifts:** Creation, redemption, and the ability to serve are gifts from God. The entire church should be equipped and empowered to serve gratefully.
- **His Timing:** All things are in God's hands; therefore, we trust in His ways.

For more information, please visit: <http://www.newlifeyorkpca.com/about-us.html>

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